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**Letter dated 7 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative
of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the
Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of resolution No. 7987 adopted at the Ministerial Meeting of the Council of the League of Arab States, held on 24 December 2015, and entitled "Unified Arab position on the violation by Turkish forces of the sovereignty of Iraq" (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex to the Member States as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 7 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

Unified Arab position on the violation by Turkish forces of the sovereignty of Iraq

The Council of the League of Arab States, meeting at the ministerial level in extraordinary session on 24 December 2015 at the headquarters of the League Secretariat in Cairo under the Chairmanship of the United Arab Emirates,

Acting in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and in compliance with the Charter of the League of Arab States, which provides for the preservation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of member States and non-intervention in their internal affairs,

Pursuant to resolutions of the League Council at the summit level on preserving the security of the Arab States, which constitute the basic guarantee of Arab security,

With a view to protecting Arab security and the territorial sovereignty of the Arab States against any kind of intervention or threat thereof, which would constitute an intervention in their affairs and a violation of their territorial sovereignty and integrity,

Reaffirming that the building of constructive and productive relations between the Arab world and the surrounding region should be based on respect for national sovereignty and non-intervention in internal affairs,

Having considered:

The note of the Secretariat,

The note of the Republic of Iraq dated 21 December 2015,

And having heard the statements of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs, the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and the heads of delegation,

Decides

1. To express its condemnation of the Turkish Government for its forces' incursion into Iraqi territory, which is a violation of Iraqi sovereignty and a threat to Arab security;
2. To demand that the Turkish Government immediately and unconditionally withdraw its forces from Iraqi territory;
3. To support the Iraqi Government in any measures it may take in accordance with the relevant principles of international law to ensure that the Turkish Government withdraws its forces from Iraqi territory;
4. To demand that the Turkish Government refrain from violating Iraqi sovereignty in the future under any pretext whatsoever;

5. To request the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States to transmit the Council's resolution on this matter formally to the President of the United Nations Security Council;

6. To request the Arab member of the United Nations Security Council to press for the withdrawal of Turkish forces from Iraqi territory, and for all necessary measures to be taken until such time as they have fully done so.

Resolution 7987, extraordinary session, 24 December 2015